

cordance and Index,' "in the order in which they stand in his 'Beiträge,' with a reference to the volume and page of the 'Reise' or 'Beiträge' where they were first described," while "in the second column is given the equivalent name under which they are treated in the present paper, the figures at the extreme right referring to the page where the species is considered."

The paper is an extremely important one, and in its preparation the author has performed a good work, for which students of South American ornithology will be grateful.—R. R.

Dionne's Catalogue of the Birds of Quebec.*—The writer modestly expresses a hope that his work will be of some use as a guide to the young ornithologists of Quebec. This is evidently its chief purpose, and is one that cannot fail to be amply fulfilled. The Catalogue follows the classification and nomenclature of the A. O. U. Check-List, and gives also—as an aid in reference to earlier writers—the names and numbers borne by each species in the check-lists of Baird, Coues, and Ridgway. Following this comes a generalized statement of the bird's distribution, adapted from the A. O. U. Check-List, together with information as to its occurrence, abundance, times of appearance, etc., in the Province of Quebec. Of the 273 species and subspecies recorded, the following seem noteworthy: *Megalestris skua*, *Larus brachyrhynchus*, *Puffinus cinereus*, *Anas strepera*, *Ardea cœrulea*, *Otocoris alpestris praticola*, *Pica pica hudsonica*, *Ammodramus caudacutus subvirgatus*, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*, *Piranga rubra*. It is to be regretted that in recording rarities Mr. Dionne does not always give full particulars and, in some of these cases, that the specimens were not identified by some ornithologist of unquestionable authority.

The author justly regrets the scantiness of the data at his command, and, doubtless, more field work in his own neighborhood would have led him to change some statements, especially as to the abundance of certain species. Nevertheless he gives us much valuable information, and a book that promises to serve so well the purpose for which it was written may well be spared too searching criticism.—C. F. B.

Proceedings of the Linnæan Society.†—The Linnæan Society has recently issued a brief 'abstract' of its Proceedings for the year ending March 7, 1890. "A large proportion of the papers read before the Society have been published in 'The Auk,' 'Forest and Stream,' and the 'Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History,'" and are only mentioned here. The bulk of the abstract is made up of brief items, chiefly ornithological, and many of them of much importance. The only paper of any

* Catalogue | des | Oiseaux | de la Province de Québec | avec des Notes sur leur Distribution Géographique | par | C. E. Dionne | [cut] | Québec | des Presses à Vapeur de J. Dussault, | Port Dauphin | 1889. 8vo. pp. 119.

† Abstract | of the Proceedings of the | Linnæan Society | of | New York | for the Year ending March 7, 1890. 8vo. pp. 10.

length is by Mr. F. M. Chapman, 'Notes on the Carolina Paroquet (*Conurus carolinensis*) in Florida' (pp. 4-6), in which he gives interesting details of his experience with this bird on the Sebastian River in March, 1889. The publication unfortunately lacks an index.—C. F. B.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—'Forest and Stream,' last noticed here in Vol. VI, pp. 174-180 (April, 1889), continues to have much valuable ornithological matter. It is greatly to be regretted that some of the best contributors to its natural history columns hide their identity under pseudonyms, and thus lessen the scientific value of their communications. Vols. XXX-XXXIV, Jan. 26, 1888-July 17, 1890, contain the following (Nos. 1678-1932):—

1678. *Kingfisher in New York in Winter.* By Robert B. Lawrence. 'Forest and Stream,' Vol. XXX, Jan. 26, 1888, p. 6.

1679. *Ice-bound Rail.* By Robert B. Lawrence. *Ibid.*—*Porzana carolina* at Flushing, L. I., Dec. 23.

1680. *The Hardy Snipe.* By W. D. Pickett. *Ibid.*, Feb. 2, p. 24.—*Gallinago delicata* wintering in Wyoming.

1681. *Winter Bird Notes.* By X. Y. Z., J. L. K., and C. L. S. *Ibid.* p. 25.

1682. *Food of the European Sparrow.* By Hoosier. *Ibid.*

1683. *Kingfisher in Winter in Massachusetts.* By C. B. *Ibid.*, Feb. 9, p. 44.

1684. *Powder-down Feathers in Herons.* By C. E. B. *Ibid.*, p. 46.

1685. *Canadian Birds.* *Ibid.* Feb. 16, p. 64.—A review of Montague Chamberlain's 'Catalogue of Canadian Birds.'

1686. *Winter Kingfishers.* By A. B. George. *Ibid.*—In Michigan.

1687. *The Food of Rapacious Birds.* By Edward Swift. *Ibid.*, March 1, p. 104.—With tabulated report of contents of stomachs of fourteen species.

1688. *Kingfishers in Winter.* By George H. Shelton. *Ibid.*—In Connecticut.

1689. *The Food of Rapacious Birds.* By M. G. Ellzey, M.D. *Ibid.*, March 15, p. 144.—Especially *Accipiter velox*.

1690. *The Willet (*Symphemia semipalmata*) Alighting on Trees.* By John C. Cahoon. *Ibid.*, March 22, p. 165.

1691. *Ridgway's North American Birds.* *Ibid.*, March 29, p. 184.—Review of 'A Manual of North American Birds' by Robert Ridgway.

1692. *A Little Girl on Sparrows.* By Susie J. Allen. *Ibid.*—*Passer domesticus*.

1693. *The American Skylark.* By R. I. B. *Ibid.*, p. 185.—*Alauda arvensis* on Long Island.

1694. *A Blue Heron on Mid-ocean.* By Mac. *Ibid.*

1695. *Notes on the English Sparrow.* By Ernest E. Thompson. *Ibid.*, April 5, pp. 204-205.—With tabulated report of contents of stomachs examined.